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Applicant : Dussud et al.

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Title

ASSEMBLY FOR CONTROLLING A STOPPER BELONGING TO A CONTINUOUS CASTING INSTALLATION, AND CORRESPONDING CONTINUOUS CASTING

INSTALLATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R., §§ 1.97-1.99, applicant submits the following information which may be of interest to the examiner in charge of the above referenced application for patent. Copies of the non-US references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, List of Prior Art Cited by Applicant, are attached.

Also being submitted herewith is a copy of the French Preliminary Search Report with respect to FR 02125290 which shows the relevancy of the listed patents which are also being submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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